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Filed: January 30, 2004	:	
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This is a decision on the petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.182, filed March 31, 2011, and the Supplemental petition filed April 15, 2011, to change the name of an inventor.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The name will be changed from "Steve Rodgers" to -- Stephane Rodgers --.

Additionally, it is not apparent whether the person signing the instant petition was ever given a power of attorney or authorization of agent to prosecute this patent application. In accordance with 37 CFR 1.34(a), the signature appearing on the petition shall constitute a representation to the United States Patent and Trademark Office that he/she is authorized to represent the particular party in whose behalf he/she acts.

The required petition fee of \$400.00 will be charged to petitioner's deposit account as authorized March 31, 2011.

Telephone inquiries regarding this decision should be directed to Joan Olszewski at (571) 272-7751. All other inquiries should be directed to the Technology Center.

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Projected Publication Date: Not Applicable

Non-Publication Request: No

Early Publication Request: No

Title

Secure key authentication and ladder system

Preliminary Class

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